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For the past ten years I have been President of a high tech university in Michigan. Earlier in my career I practices anti-trust law in Washington DC mostly before the FTC and the DC Circuit. I believe the proposed settlement should be approved. While it is more than the law requires and is ill advised it will at least put the matter behind us. The anti-trust laws are intended to protect markets and consumers not competitors. Regardless of proven monopolistic behavior there has been no showing of harm to markets or consumers. When viewing the loci of the Ps this remaining prosecution itself sounds of champerty on the surface and its sanctions threaten the vitality of technological innovation in this country which will put us at a global competitive disadvantage. My attorney general saw the importance of this competitiveness to Michigan a state which is key to keeping America economically strong and agrees with my recommendation.